

## RAILROAD BUILDING

### The Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe Railroads Will Build Through the Gila Valley.

The Arizona & Eastern has had a force of 400 men at work building a grade and driving a long tunnel along the Gila river, between the junction of the San Pedro and Gila and the San Carlos copper mines. The Phoenix & Eastern, says the *Silver Belt*, also had a surveying corps in the same vicinity last week making the permanent location of their line to run up the Gila. The survey of the two roads conflict in places, sometimes being almost identical.

It is now the generally accepted opinion that both roads will be built up the Gila to San Carlos, and that the Phoenix & Eastern will put a branch into Globe. It is the intention of both the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific to make the Gila river route a part of their main and transcontinental lines. It has been stated that the advantages of this route to the Southern Pacific will be a grade of only four tenths of 1 per cent and the shortening of their line nearly 100 miles.

In this connection the *Florence Blade* says:

"At the time the Southern Pacific line was constructed through this territory the Texas Pacific grant was alive and covered the Gila river route. That forced the Southern Pacific company to keep back from the Gila river and build over the heavy grade, between Gila Bend and Bowie.

"The Texas Pacific grant expired some years after the Southern Pacific road had been completed, and in 1876 or 77 Chief Engineer Hood, of the Southern Pacific company, surveyed a line down the Gila, over the route now followed by the Arizona & Eastern surveyors, and found it was an ideal route for a railroad line, with the lowest and most uniform grade between the two points on the continental divide.

"Ever since the completion of the Hood survey the Southern Pacific company has contemplated building over this line and making it the route for their through traffic but had no nearby competition to spur them to prompt action and let the matter rest. But when the Santa Fe entered the field and began to build over this unequalled route, the Southern Pacific people saw the time for prompt action had arrived and got a move on themselves, so to speak, and will hardly blunder in fancied security again."

About thirty teams and several crews of men are at work rebuilding and widening the grade of the G. V. G. & N., putting in new ties and laying new steel. It is rumored that it will be done the entire length of the line. If this is true it would seem that the S. P. line that is being built up the Gila will use the present line of the G. V. G. & N. from San Carlos, connecting with the present line at Bowie instead of going up the river and connecting at Lordsburg as was at first announced.

In connection with new railroads the *Belt* further says: The extension of the G. V. G. & N. railroad from its northern terminus at Globe to Pinto Creek some twenty miles or more to the west which has been talked about for several years, now seems reasonably assured, and at an early date.

There arrived last night from San Francisco, Engineers W. P. Nichols and W. W. Carney, R. B. Coleman and a corps of surveyors. Messrs Nichols and Carney are accompanied by their wives, which indicates that they will make a long stay. This morning a camp outfit and supplies were purchased and arrangements made to

establish a camp near Bob Stend's ranch.

The work of the party will be to establish a permanent line for the construction of a standard gauge railroad, via Black Warrior and Continental, to Pinto Creek. How far the railroad will be built down Pinto is not known, but as one of the objects of its construction is to secure the hauling of all the freight for the Salt river, or Tonto dam, and thereby cut out the Santa Fe railroad and the Salt river valley from any share or benefit in the traffic it is reasonable to suppose that the railroad extension will be carried far enough to the direction of the dam to insure a short and easy haul.

The Continental is one of the important mines of the Old Dominion company, situated about eighteen miles west of Globe, and it is understood that the company is preparing to operate it on a large scale, promising a large ore tonnage to the railroad.

The Finletter & Harvey mine and The Pacific Mines & Metals company, near Black Warrior, and the Gibson & Gibson and other properties about the head of Pinto Creek will contribute considerable business to a railroad, and within a few years an immensely rich mining district will be opened up.

All these considerations certainly afford sufficient inducement to the G. V. G. & N. company to extend its road westward into the Pinto creek region, and it is safe to bet that active construction work on the line will soon be under way.

## A Serious Runaway

While Manager Wm. Whalley and eldest daughter, Miss Annie, of the Clifton Telephone Exchange were out driving yesterday afternoon their horse ran away in the vicinity of the North Clifton school house and collided with a heavy freight wagon left standing in a narrow part of the street. The Whalleys were thrown from the buggy and the girl's skull fractured in two places and her body internally injured, while her father was stunned and sustained several severe cuts and bruises. The horse broke loose and went tearing down the street until caught. Miss Whalley was removed to her home on a stretcher, bleeding at the eyes, nose and is in a very critical condition today. Mr. Whalley is able to be around. Miss Ellen Johnson takes Miss Whalley's place in the telephone office.—*Clifton Herald*

## A Democrat's Views.

Pima, Arizona, July 18th, 1904. It was learned here a few days since that Judge E. J. Edwards had finally consented to allow his name to be presented to the Democratic convention for the district attorneyship of this county. For a long time past prominent democrats have solicited Judge Edwards to become a candidate for district attorney but he has always refused. This year, your correspondent is informed, that prominent men from all parts of the county have asked Judge Edwards to become a candidate. In conversation with the Judge a few days since he said if the Democratic party saw fit to nominate him he would make the race and if elected would fill the office to the best of his ability. Should he be nominated, there is no question about him filling the office, for we all know he is one of the best criminal lawyers in Arizona. Down this way we feel that if all the offices are filled by such men as the Judge the county government will be in safe hands.

A DEMOCRAT

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins recently spent several days at the Thomas Hot Springs, and came home greatly benefitted by the waters. Mr. Collins thinks the springs are about the finest resort in the territory. If the proprietors would do a little advertising in this section they would get more business.—*Copper Era*.

## ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

### Another Effort Made to Rob The Safford Post Office, But Fails--Parties Unknown.

Some time during the late hours of Saturday night, an attempt was made to rob the Safford post office, but owing to the effort being interrupted, it proved a failure.

The first efforts of the would-be burglars and robbers was to open the rear door of the post office with a skeleton key. But the key failed to work and becoming fastened in the lock, was left there. Attention was then given to making an entrance by the window on the east side of the office. The depredators in attempting to pull the screen wire from the window, made some noise which attracted the attention of Mrs. W. T. Johnson on the opposite side of the street. She awakened her husband and he slipping quietly across the street surprised the burglars at their work, they having gone far enough to enter the iron bars with which the window has been protected ever since the robbery of a year ago.

Upon finding that they were discovered they fled precipitately, and owing to the gravel about that part of the building no track could be found, and hence no pursuit was made.

## Solomonville Items.

Solomonville, July 21. Miss Lillie Solomon has returned from Los Angeles where she has been visiting for the past month.

Mr. Ryan and son, Dow, and Will Cochran have returned from the mountains where they have been for the last two weeks avoiding the summer heat of the valley.

Percy McCabe, a brother of Mrs. Mit Simms, has returned to Southern California after a two months visit in this part of Arizona.

W. W. Holt is visiting his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Parks. Mrs. Holt has been here for some time.

Uncle Jim Robinson of Safford was in town Tuesday interviewing his friends on the political situation in Graham County. His chief interest seemed to center around the office in which the County's funds are handled.

Mit Sims and Judge Little will make a trip to Clifton, Morenci and Metcalf the last of the week. If they find that their political fences need repairing at any particular corner, it is needless to say that everything will be in good condition when they return.

Mrs. Harley Martin, of San Carlos, was a visitor in Solomonville on Tuesday night. Mrs. Martin was formerly a teacher in the public school at this place and was then Miss Rice.

C. L. Rawlins went to Clifton on Wednesday, having been called there on business connected with the office of district attorney. Mr. Rawlins will incidentally look after his political fences while there.

There was a double wedding in Solomonville last Saturday afternoon. The contracting parties were Dr. Manlove Deputy and Miss Bernardina Powers, and Mr. Arthur Buford and Miss Elizabeth Powers, all of Fort Grant. Both Mrs. Deputy and Mrs. Buford are daughters of Mrs. Elizabeth Tittle. Dr. Deputy is a dentist at the post and Mr. Buford is a sergeant in the regular U. S. army. Judge Little officiated for the first time since he became probate judge at a double wedding.

I. E. Solomon made a business trip to Globe during the week. The Misses Smiths, daughters of A. G. Smith, cashier of the Gila Valley Bank & Trust Co., at Clifton, are spending a while in Solomonville, the guests of the Misses Solomons.

RESIDENT.

## Robbery And Arrest.

Saturday night two cars of merchandise destined for Metcalf and standing on the tracks near the Coronado railway freight depot, an isolated portion of Chase street, were broken open and partly robbed. "Clemex Jim" not acting any too natural that night in the opinion of several citizens, was arrested for the robbery and placed under \$250 bonds for his appearance before Judge Boyles tomorrow. He says he is innocent and never knew a car was there, and a search of his premises failed to reveal any of the plunder. A Mexican is also held for the robbery.—*Clifton Herald*

## ANOTHER ACCIDENT

### Jesus Estrada Severs Foot While Cutting Down Tree,---Foot Had to be Amputated.

Jesus Estrada, one of the wood choppers working at Angel Campbell's camp on Eagle Creek, met with a very serious accident on Tuesday which nearly cost him his life. He was cutting down timber and had just completed a cut on a large tree when he noticed that the upper branches of the tree were caught in the branches of the next tree. While meditating on the best means of felling it he placed his foot carelessly on a log lying nearby and in a moment the swinging tree broke loose and fell in such a manner as to pin his foot to the log on which he was resting, tearing the bone and flesh in a horrible shape and holding him fast to the log where he remained for several hours until he was missed by his companions who, upon searching, found him in a very critical condition.

He was taken to the Longfellow Hospital where Dr. Dietrich amputated his leg just above the ankle. The accident, while not fatal was a very serious one and but for the strong constitution of the man the exposure might have killed him.—*Morenci Leader*.

## Documents Filed For Record.

Following is a list of documents filed for record at the County seat and compiled by Abstractor Fred Dysart.

G. E. Barkley et al, locate 3 mines in Copper Mt. Dist.

Fanny Leszynsky to Julius Leszynsky, power of Atty. to transact business.

Julius Leszynsky to N. E. & Clifton Copper company, deed, \$500, 1 claim in Copper Mt. Dist.

D. W. Wickesham et ux to Mary B Birdno, deed, \$100, lots 7 9 11 and 1-2 of 13, blk 44 town of Safford.

W. T. Poland et al locate 4 mines in Greenville Dist.

Henry T. Firth to George W. Richards, notice of forfeiture, labor on 1 mine Aravaipa Dist.

Aravaipa Mining company locate 1 claim in Aravaipa Dist.

Eriguer Wissor et ux to A. F. Williams, agt. bill of sale \$100 2 houses on Chase creek.

A. F. Williams agt. to Clifton Investment Co. bill of sale, \$1, house on lot 159 of A. C. Co.; house on lot 1 of Transit Co.

Juan Rascon to Clifton Invest. Co. bill of sale \$1, 2 houses in w. Clifton.

Antonio Ornelas to Clifton Invest. Co. bill of sale \$1, building in w. Clifton.

A. F. Williams agt. to Clifton Invest. Co. bill of sale \$1, house in w. Clifton.

Hugh L. Watson to Clifton Invest. Co. bill of sale, \$1, 2 houses in w. Clifton.

Antonio E. Apodaca to Hugh L. Watson, bill of sale, \$1025, 2 houses on land of A. C. Co. in w. Clifton.

A. F. Williams to Clifton Invest. Co. bill of sale, \$1, bldgs on lots 11 1-2 and 12, in w. Clifton.

Jas. Colquhoun et ux to H. M. Watson, deed \$100, lot 16, Colquhoun tract in Clifton.

Ricardo Lara et ux to Clifton Invest. Co. deed, \$1, lot 10 block 8 townsite of w. Clifton.

Hugh L. Watson to Clifton Invest. Co. deed, \$1, lot 67, Colquhoun tract in Clifton.

Geo. H. Chase to W. A. Hamilton, bill of sale, \$10 2 frame houses in Clifton.

W. A. Hamilton to R. R. Hill, bill of sale, \$10, 2 frame houses in Clifton.

James V. Parks Sheriff, trustee, to Columbia Saving & Loan Assn. cert. of sale, \$554, lot 5 in blk 13 townsite of Safford.

James V. Parks, Sheriff, trustee, to Columbia Saving & Loan Assn. cert. of sale \$1078, part of lots 10 and 12, blk 30 townsite of Safford.

A. C. Alexander was a visitor in Safford from the Indian Hot Springs, on Tuesday.

## WATER IS KING

### A Proposed Reservoir that Means a Great Deal for the Gila Valley and Surrounding Country

Mr. Wm. A. Farish, who is connected with the geological survey, has been at work for some weeks in what is known as the Redrock precinct, the stretch of country between the lower and upper box of the Gila, in township 19 south, 19 west, about thirty miles from here. He has been surveying for a reservoir site for the irrigation commission, and says he has found one of the best sites he has ever seen. He will recommend building a dam about one hundred feet high and some three or four hundred feet long, at the upper end of the lower box. This will give a reservoir nine miles long with an average width of over a mile, with many deep canyons running back into the hills. This will be an immense reservoir, and its contents have not yet been calculated. The reservoir will reach to within a mile of the upper box. It will take in a large number of farms on the river.

It is expected this dam will conserve the flood waters to such an extent that they can be carried onto farming lands as far south as San Carlos, Arizona. While such a work would be of great value to the country at large it would be of little benefit to Grant county. The water would cover most of the fillable land on the middle Gila, and would add but little to the value of the land on the lower Gila, the section between the lower end of the box and Arizona line, for that is nearly all occupied and there is generally enough water in the river for its use. It would be of great benefit to the people in the Duncan country, and further down the river, but that is in Arizona, and until the two territories are united in one state there is not much community of interest in the taxpaying element. Of course the government would pay the farmers for their land, and improvements, and in such cases the government is generally a liberal paymaster. It is not known whether this reservoir could put water on the great mesa north of Lordsburg. If it could it would open up in this country a much larger amount of valuable farming land than would be covered by the reservoir, and so would be of great value to this country.

The building of this reservoir will probably accomplish two desirable effects. It will put a stop to the constantly recurring broils between the Lyons & Campbell cattle company and the farmers on the river, and it will furnish the farmers in the Solomonville country with water that will not be contaminated with the tailings from the concentrators in the Clifton district.

## The Water Suit

The water suit commenced last year by the Smithville and Central Canals against other users of water above them, has now grown to rather gigantic proportions.

At the April term of the court demurrers were sustained to the complaint and leave given to amend. This has just been done, the amended complaint having been filed last week.

This amended complaint by order of the court, instead of making only a few companies parties to the suit, brings in all companies and users of the waters of the Gila, all the way from the box canyon above Solomonville down to the line of the Apache reservation.

This was done that the court might by one general decree fix and adjust the water rights of the people of this valley, and having fixed and adjusted their respective rights, appoint a commissioner to distribute the waters according to decreed rights of each.

This litigation has caused and will cause considerable expenditure of money, and has been somewhat vexatious to many of the people of the valley; but we believe the intention of the court is to do a great and lasting good for the people, but it will take time to accomplish it.

## In Judge Mashbir's Court

Two cases of considerable importance have been disposed of this week by Judge Mashbir:

Mariano Sales was held in \$500 bonds to answer to the grand jury for using a knife upon another Mexican and cutting him rather deeply in the side.

Kayetano Renteria for attempt to assault some Mexican girls, was sent to the county jail for ninety days, and will spend most of it at labor upon the public roads.

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## LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Items of Local Interest Gathered by Reporters on their Rounds.

## DOINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

Breezy Little Notes of General Interest Picked up Here and There.

This paper is kept on file at E. C. Baker's advertising agency, 24 Sansome Street San Francisco, California, where contracts for advertising can be made for it.

Mr. and Harley Martin came up from San Carlos on Tuesday.

David and James Campbell arrived from Duncan last Monday.

Wm. E. Wooten was in town this week from Thomas.

Geo. A. Olney went to Clifton on Sunday, returning Tuesday.

Wiley E. Jones returned to Clifton last Tuesday.

The Board has appointed Ed Haines as justice of the peace at Bonita.

Judge and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, of Solomonville, passed through Safford Wednesday on their way to Globe.

Stock Inspector John Branaman, of Geronimo was here this week to inspect a lot of beef cattle being shipped by the C. C. Co.

The Olney Hardware Co. have a first class harness maker and carry a full line of harness, saddles and extras. Repairing promptly done.

Miss Mary McIntyre arrived here from Texas, Tuesday. She comes to join her father and brothers who have been here two years or more.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jeter are preparing to start for Black river next week. They will spend the remaining portion of the summer in the mountains.

T. D. Morris was up from Thomas on Saturday last. Mr. Morris stated that he is going to move to Globe, where he will go into business.

Mrs. Geo. McDonald, of Mesa City, formerly Miss Lulu Cluff, of Central, spent several days in Safford this week visiting her cousin, Mrs. Geo. H. Birdno.

At the last meeting of the Board the GUARDIAN Publishing Co. was awarded the contract to do the county printing until April 15, 1905, it being the lowest bidder.

Eugene Caruthers went to the top of Mt. Graham last Saturday for the purpose of killing a couple of dozen bear. Mrs. Caruthers accompanied him as far as Arcadia.

The Cyclone store is being removed from the Riggs building to the old Blue store, opposite the Bank of Safford. The store will be doing business there on Aug. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Welker left Wednesday for a trip to the Grande Ronde country in Northern Oregon, where they will remain for a time, visiting with former Safford people.

John McCollum, lessee of the GRAHAM GUARDIAN, and just at present in Tombstone on court business, went hunting for cotton-tails to-day. He killed more time than cotton-tails.—*Prospector*.

Mrs. M. J. E. Ringer left for her old home in Texas this week where she goes to for a visit to relatives and friends, and for the benefit of her health which has not been very good for a long time. It is to be hoped that when she returns in the fall that her good health may be fully restored.

Howard and Frank McBride called at the GUARDIAN office last Monday and informed us that it was in error on its report of the Pima-Matthewsville ball game. Instead of the score standing 3 to 4 in favor of Pima, it stood 3 to 6 in favor of Matthewsville. Pima is anxious for a return game but the Matthewsville boys are now looking for bigger "fish."

A popular young gentleman of Martinez authorizes the *News-Herald* to inform his friends that he is looking out for a life partner. He has a little cottage furnished, a wagon, some chickens, horse, cow, etc., and is of a kind and loving disposition. He will make the fire in the mornings and never kick at grounds in the coffee, late hours or growls. A first-class bargain to the right party.

In the investigation of the County Recorder of Maricopa county it was brought out, says the *Republican*, that the Recorder and others in Phoenix had been investing in Beaumont oil. Large sums had been sent to Texas. One installment of \$15,000 was sent for investment, and the man to whom it was forwarded suddenly departed after the receipt of the money and has not since been located. Strange how easy sensible business men sometimes are!

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